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SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION: BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETS

1. BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO MEET TODAY UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP SIR ROBERT LOWRY TO DECIDE AGENDA FOR FINAL CONVENTION MEETINGS. COMMITTEE, DOMINATED BY UNITED ULSTER UNION COALITION (UUUC) MAJORITY, WILL CONSIDER MOTIONS FOR DEBATE INCLUDING FOUR FROM UUUC AND ONE FROM VANGUARD UNIONIST PARTY (CRAIG). TEXT OF MOTIONS UNKNOWN BUT IT BELIEVED CENTRAL PROPOSAL OF UUUC IS FOR GOVERNMENT PROCEED WITH LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT ORIGINAL MAJORITY REPORT FROM CONVENTION PHASE ONE.

2. VANGUARD MOTION REPORTEDLY URGES GOVERNMENT TO CALL REFERENDUM IN NORTHERN IRELAND ON TEMPORARY VOLUNTARY COALITION WITHIN FRAMEWORK PROPOSALS UUUC MAJORITY REPORT. VANGUARD FOUR CONVENTION MEMBERS JOINED BY EIGHT MEMBERS FROM ALLIANCE PARTY AND ONE INDEPENDENT UNIONIST (HUGH SMYTH). UNIONIST PARTY NORTHERN IRELAND (FAULKNER) WHILE FAVORING REFERENDUM HAS NOT YET JOINED IN SUPPORT OF MOTION. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) UNDECIDED. SOME OPTIMISTS PREDICT MODERATES IN UUUC WOULD SUPPORT REFERENDUM CALL IN DEBATE. EARLIER PREDICTIONS THAT THESE SAME MODERATES WOULD SUPPORT COALITION CONCEPT IN INTER-PARTY TALKS WILTED IN FACE FIERCE ATTACKS BY IAN PAISLEY

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ON THOSE WHO SEEMED TO WAIVER. UUUC POSITION IS THAT IT ALREADY

EXPRESSES WILL OF MAJORITY OF ELECTORATE AND THAT REFERENDUM
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